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A Travis County Grand Jury has decided that Austin Police Department (APD) officer Matthew Paredes will not be indicted for the shooting death of 29 year old Tyler Hunkin. Paredes shot and killed Hunkin around 10:30 p.m. on the evening of April 22, 2016.

Within one hour, three separate 911 calls from the same phone number came in giving a similar description of a man who was threatening people with a knife at three separate locations. Officers responded to the first two locations and were unable to locate a suspect with a knife or any evidence of the reported event.

Officer Paredes, who had responded to one of the earlier 911 calls, also responded to the third 911 call at 6600 South Mopac. As Paredes pulled into the business parking lot, he saw a man pacing outside a parked car with knives in his hands. To create more distance between himself and the man, Officer Paredes reversed his patrol car. Officer Paredes began shouting commands for the man to drop the knives. Officer Paredes stepped out of his patrol car with his rifle pointed at the man and continued giving commands for the man to drop the knives.

The man started walking toward the officer, armed with two knives. As the man advanced towards the officer he picked up speed and began running toward the officer. The man, later identified as Tyler Hunkin, continued running toward the officer and when he was at close range, the officer fired one shot, hitting Hunkin.

Other APD officers arrived almost immediately and began life saving measures. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) arrived and transported Tyler Hunkin to a nearby hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

The Travis County Grand Jury met on five separate days and heard testimony from 7 witnesses, including Paredes, members of Tyler Hunkin's family and an APD training officer. The Grand Jury also saw video from Officer Paredes' patrol car.

Press packets containing documents, audio and video related to the incident will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the District Attorney's Office, located at the Criminal Justice Center, 509 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

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